Dentistry-planning for future" was conducted from 7th - 10th September, 1991 at New Delhi.

(b) A total of 84 participants including 54 members of the Council participated in the workshop. In addition to the members of the Council, Deans/Principals, Directors/Heads of dental institutions, Presidents/Secretaries of the dental associaitons were invited.

(c) The workshop has made various recommendations for rendering dental health services to the economically weaker sections and rural population besides the urban population.

(d) As per the practice, the Council has incurred the expenditure on T.A./D.A. of members of the Council and other contingent expenditure in respect of this meeting. No separate details of expenditure for conducting the workshop are available as the workshop was one of the items of agenda for the meeting. Expenditure on T.A. /D.A. of participants other than the members of the Council were met by themselves.

Adventure Tourism

4233. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is going in for advern tourism in a big way;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The Department of Tourism considers that adventure tourism has tremendous potential as India has all requisite natural resources for adventure sports activities. An Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering has been established for training in winter sports and snow related sport activities and the National Institute of Watersports has recently been set up for training people in various water sport activities. The Government also extends financial assistance to the States and Union Territories for purchase of equipment etc. on the basis of specific proposals framed by them.

Railway Crossings in Bihar

4234. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned railway crossings in Bihar; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to convert these crossings into manned ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 1767 'C' class unmanned level crossings in Bihar as on 31.03.1991.

(b) The Railways undertake manning of the unmanned level crossings only after a firm proposal for the same is sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority, duly consenting to share/bear the cost thereof, as per rules. However, the Railways on their own also have been undertaking manning of such of the unmanned level crossings, where warranted on account of traffic density or visibility consideration.

Green Delhi

4235. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the campaign to make Delhi "Green" is propressing satisfactorily;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target set in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 'Green Delhi' Campaign was launched in 1990-91 and during the year various agencies involved in the campaign planted 41.34 lakh seedings, against a target of 50.75 lakhs.

(b) The shrotfall in ahievement of the target in 1990-91 was mainly on account of inadequate rains and the fact that it took some time to mobilise action by the concerned agencies.

(c) Progress of implementation is being monitored regularly through periodical reviews, field inspections, etc. Besides, all concerned government and non-government agencies are being activated to achieve the targets and get better results in the future.

Stoppage of Trains at Bhadrak (Orissa)

4236. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trains running from Guwahati to Cochin, Trivandrum and Bangalore etc. do not halt at Bhadrak;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to provide a halt of these trains there; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to lack of commercial justification.

Women Literacy Rate

4237. SHIR SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according .o the latest report of the World Bank, the women literacy rate is the lowest in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken oy the Government to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the figures published by UNESCO, the literacy rate for women in India is not the lowest in the world. There are a number of other countries whose female literacy rate is much lower.

(c) Keeping in view the policy for removal of disparity in access to educational opportunity suffered by women, women's education throughout the country with emphasis on women in rural and tribal areas. Some of these are as under:

(i) *Mahila Samakhya*: The basic thrust of this programme is to create a mechanism whereby women are given an opportunity to plan and monitor their own education and reach out to a new body of knowledge. It aims at involving women in the process of educational planning at the village level and providing educational inputs like non-formal education centres, training of village school teachers and pro-